DaDerboard and increase or decrease in sroduetion is as under:

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Quantum of Production	Increase or decrease as compared to the corresponding period in previoui year
1985-86 .	1516	(+) I 37 (+)
1986-87 (Provl.)	15.85	0-69 (-)
1987-88 (Target;	16.50	0.65

(c) The demand for paper and paperboard which was 14 lakh tonnes in 1964-85 is expected to increase to 18 lakh tonnes by 1989-90.

(d) Only certain special varieties of paper which are not available indigenously in adequate measure is Leing imported. The provisional figures of import of such paper in the last two years is as follows: —

Year	Import (in lakh tonnes)
1985-86	*0.14*
1986-87	0.51

Second refinery in Assam

11. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA VARTY: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision in rsepect of the second refinery in Assam as per pro visions of the Assam accord in 1985;

(b) if so what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE of" THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI AHM DUTT); (a) to (c) Assam Government had engaged Engineers India Ltd. for preparation of a Pre-invesrnent feasibility report for setting up of a refinery under the Assam Accord. Engineers India Ltd. have since submitted the report to^ Assam. Government, who are to take further action in this rgard.

Flaring of natural gas

12. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI, Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased ts state-.

(a) the quantity and value of' natural gas that was flaied during the last 3 years;

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the flaring of gas; and;

(c) what are the details of the steps taken by Government to mini mise this waste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) About 9000 MCM of gas was flared during the last three years. This loss, at a value of Rs. 1 lakh /MCM works out 10 Rs. 90 crores.

(b) The quantity of gas flared (as a percentage of production) had decreased over the petet three years.